

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 77, 79-81 and 83- 96 are now pending in the application. Applicants provide a listing of the claims for the Examiner's reference.

1. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and request consideration.

Applicants also filed the Information Disclosure Statement on March 29, 2005 (a copy of which is enclosed) and request consideration. Applicants also enclose a copy of the stamped postcard

2. Objection to the Drawings

The drawings filed 12/7/04 stand objected to because solid black shading is not permitted in Figure 9.

Applicants enclose herewith replacement sheets of Figure 9, which is a black and white photograph on glossy paper. Black and white photographs are acceptable as figures. The Examiner is directed to MPEP 608.02. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

3. Nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

Claims 77, 79-81 and 83-96 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 and 20-21 of copending Application No. 11/050,113.

The claims of copending Application No. 11/050,113 are not yet allowed.

MPEP 804 B states that "if the 'provisional' double patenting rejection in one application is the only rejection remaining in that application, the examiner should then withdraw that rejection and permit the application to issue as a patent, thereby converting the 'provisional' double patenting rejection in the other application(s) into a double patenting rejection at the time the one application issues as a patent".

Since this rejection is provisional and remains the only ground of rejection, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

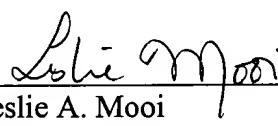
Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner find that there are any further issues outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to arrange the time for a personal interview. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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